



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Public Works

Date: November 19, 2013

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Subject: **2013 Storm Response – Sidewalk and Curb and Gutter Repair**

Recommendation:

Receive and file the report

Previous Directives:

- July 19, 2013 – Direct Public Works to develop a damage estimate for public sidewalks, curb and gutter, and alley pavement damaged as a result of severe storms on June 21, 2013 and Direct Public Works and the Finance and Property Services department to return to the Transportation and Public Works Committee with a proposal to fund those repairs without assessing abutting property owners.

Department Information:

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Approved by: _____

Steven A. Kotke, P.E., Director of Public Works

Presenters in Committee: Brette Hjelle

Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): NA
- Civil Rights Approval: NA

Financial Impact

- Sidewalk and curb and gutter repair costs will initially be funded out of the city's capital improvement fund. The costs will be reimbursed by FEMA and the State of Minnesota.

Supporting Information

Severe thunderstorms hit Minneapolis on June 21, 2013. Significant straight-line winds caused damage to a large portion of the city including widespread damage to boulevard trees. As a result of the tree damage, 413 addresses suffered damage to sidewalks or curb and gutter.

Public Works worked closely with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to coordinate sidewalk repairs with stump removal. Sidewalk repair work began on October 7th and was substantially completed on October 30th. The cost of the repairs was \$250,000.

Federal disaster aid was officially made available to areas affected by the storms on July 25th, 2013. Public Works worked closely with FEMA to ensure the repair process and documentation procedures met FEMA guidelines for Public Assistance. The city submitted a formal application for all storm-related costs, including sidewalk repairs, on November 4, 2013. Federal disaster aid will cover 75% of the repair costs and the State of Minnesota will cover the remaining 25%.

In order to accomplish the repair work, the city employed the current sidewalk contractor, Concrete Idea. The 2013 contract has sufficient appropriation for the work so no appropriate increase is necessary. The immediate contractor expenses will be paid from the Sidewalk Capital Fund (04100-9010939). These costs will be reimbursed with Federal and State disaster aid.